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JAPANESE CRAB A SLUGGARD.

The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch is disposed to make merry at the expense of the Hampton crab meat packers because they have petitioned Congressmen Jones, of the First district, for protection upon their industry. The Norfolk newspaper irreverently says:

"While the demand goes on for protection on all things on the earth and in the skies above, some heed should be given to the plea for the protection of the things in the waters under the earth."

Then the Ledger-Dispatch quotes the protest which declares that the American crab is being put out of business by the Japanese crab which is being shipped into this country, and that newspaper proceeds:

"Down with the crab of the Japanese and up with the royal ensign of Hampton emblazoned with the festive crab. Why should fish oil prosper and the industry of the crab go sideways? 'Soft or hard, canned or deviled, the crab enterprise should not be allowed to languish, or be threatened by the 'yellow peril.' Mr. Jones must heed the call."

Well, the representative in Congress from the Norfolk district is hot after higher protection against Japanese peanuts, which can not swim across the Pacific. They must come in through the tariff door.

Japanese crabs can swim and if they will only traverse the Pacific, round the horn and enter Hampton Roads they are in advance assured of a welcome into hospitable nets without any payment of duty whatsoever, regardless of the Payne bill or any other tariff measure.

Should these Oriental crustaceans continue to disregard their opportunities for free entry, it is nothing but just that they should suffer a penalty for their lack of enterprise and energy. Masters of the side-stroke, let the Japanese crabs propel themselves over here or not come at all.

Members of the human species from the Sunflower Kingdom find ways to get into this country and to enjoy unconstitutional privileges after arriving, in spite of the strenuous protests of the Pacific coasts. Why shouldn't a Japanese crab, which is himself a globe navigator if he chooses to be, be compelled to come across of his own volition if he prefers as a domicile an American rather than a Japanese can?

The Ledger-Dispatch is right when it shouts, "Down with the crab of the Japanese!"

He is unwise to his best interests and woefully lacking in migratory instincts, which derelictions it is right and proper that the new tariff bill should punish.

A BOONERANG FOR HARRIMAN.

Railroad Magnate Harriman gives the government some sound advice when he offers the suggestion that the departments at Washington should be run upon principles of economy and be governed by a fixed rule which would dovetail governmental receipts with governmental expenditures.

But the Harriman interview did not end there. He felt constrained to make a shot at the attempts made by

the various States and by the national government to regulate the operations of railroads, and added:

"Repeal of repressive State laws is imperative if the railroad lines the people need and the railroads want to build are to be constructed. The truth is, however, that the States in adopting these laws only followed the example of the national government. Now the national government should set the reverse example and inaugurate the modification."

Whereupon the Washington Post very aptly remarks:

"What constitutes a 'repressive law' is largely a matter of opinion. A wolf might regard the roomiest cage as a repression of its liberties, but the sheep would only look upon it as a measure of protection. A coyote tied to the barnyard fence chafes at his rope, no matter how long it is, but the chickens at roost find cause for thankfulness that it does not reach the henhouse."

However, Mr. Harriman by neither State nor national law has either been confined either in the "roomiest cage" of the wolf nor tethered as the coyote. He has gone on picking up railroad systems here and there until his control of mileage exceeds that of any other man in the world.

A significant warning is sounded into Mr. Harriman's ears by the Wall Street Journal of April 2, which if it be heeded, will make off further advice to the national government as to how to run its affairs.

The Wall Street paper says:

"Mr. Harriman forgets, however, that if anything like the efficiency he desires were established, the people of the United States would probably be running his railroads as well. The most vital argument, although not the best in principle, which can be made against public ownership is the ghastly extravagance of public departments. Take away this objection and the other and really more important one that people are debilitated when the State does for them what they can do for themselves, would probably prove too abstract to check the expansion of official power."

This comes pretty near to being an admission from the headquarters of the country's speculative mart that the only obstacle to government ownership lies in the inefficiency of government business methods. Ensnaring from the sanctum of a recognized organ of the country's foremost financiers, the expression is remarkable if not startling.

ENEMIES OF THE PRIMARY.

In their replies to the inquiry from a Richmond newspaper as to how they stood upon the question of convention or no convention this year to formulate a Democratic platform, it is surprising to note that two of three members of the State Democratic committee advocated dispensing with the primary system altogether and returning to the old form of ward and township meetings and the nominating convention for State officers.

The Daily Press is not especially concerned about whether they shall or shall not be a State Democratic convention this year, in as much as both candidates for the gubernatorial nomination have made their positions upon vital questions pretty well known. But this newspaper profoundly regrets that there still remains in the high councils of the Democratic party of Virginia even one person who prefers the cut and dried, often packed, and sometimes bulldozed ward and township meeting method of electing delegates to a nominating convention rather than an expression of the voters' sentiments at a primary election.

Whether or not a convention be held this year or in any other year, it should not supplant the primary.

Improve the present primary law it need be. But it is impossible to regard any politician who favors the total abolition of the primary plan other than as a selfish opponent to a free expression of the popular will.

All recent records were broken yesterday in that Hon. C. Snake, of Oklahoma was neither killed, wounded nor captured.

LABOR DISTURBANCES OCCUR IN CHICAGO

Striking Street Sweepers and Tile Layers Make It Uncomfortable For Successors.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., April 5.—Violent demonstrations which required the presence of the police to quell, marked two of the labor disturbances here Saturday. The most serious trouble occurred in the downtown district when a force of striking white wings were thrown through windows and brown handles were wielded by the

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infuriated strikers. Several were injured.

The second riot grew out of the tile layers' strike. Employees of Dawson Brothers' Tile Flooring Company were besieged by a force of union pickets. J. G. Dawson, the head of the firm, with drawn revolver kept the pickets from entering the building until the police arrived.

DOWNS WELL OUTFITTED.

Alleged Embezzler Revels in Clothing and Sporting Supplies.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., April 5.—Forty suits of clothes, ten overcoats, thirty pairs of shoes, eight hats, large quantities of cigars, wines and liquors, thousands of poker chips, many packs of playing cards and hundreds of uncashed checks showing losses on races were among the things found in the residence of William F. Downs, the former stock clerk in the office of the city register, and who is in jail awaiting trial on 35 charges of larceny of city money, when search was made by the police and detectives on behalf of the state's attorney's office.

There was also a small safe, but it was found quite empty save for two railroad time tables.

The house and contents have been attached by the city, as also have two race horses owned by Downs.

PETITION FOR REHEARING.

Standard Oil Branch Will Contest Texas Decisions.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—In behalf of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, Hon. John C. Spooner has filed in the Supreme Court of the United States a petition for a rehearing of the various cases brought by the State of Texas against that company and which were recently decided against it. These include the case involving the appointment of a receiver for the company and the one ousting the company from the State, and imposing a fine of \$1549,500 for violations of the Texas anti-trust laws.

WOMEN ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

Against Billboard Advertising and Christmas Trees.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 5.—Concluding their annual meeting of the directorate of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, representing two million club women, adopted resolutions declaring against billboard advertising and against the Christmas trees, in as much as the use of Christmas trees "threatens to annihilate the forests of cedar trees."

Legislation providing for the replanting of the cedar forests is proposed.

INVESTIGATING ZINC MINES.

Commissioners Named to Examine Part of the Cromwell Estate.

Judge Barham, of the Corporation Court, has appointed commissioners to look into the matter of selling certain zinc mine interests which belong to the estate of the late M. B. Cromwell. The interest in the mine is said to have cost Mr. Cromwell about \$25,000.

When the commissioners have determined how the sale should be conducted, they will report back to the court.

ELIOT HASN'T DECLINED.

Ex-College President Yet Undetermined Upon Course.

(By Associated Press.)
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 5.—All newspaper reports purporting to emanate from me that I have either accepted or declined the post of ambassador to Great Britain are equally unauthorized," said President Charles W. Eliot, in an interview today. It was reported here today that President Eliot had not yet formally declined the post.

Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point

BIG CROWD AT THE FAIR

West End Hose Company Launch the Bazaar Under Promising Auspices.

HAMPTON FIREMEN WERE PRESENT

Tonight Kecoughtan Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Will Attend in a Body

Masonic Lodge Donates Sum of \$10.

—Elks Visit Tomorrow Night.

After many weeks of hard work in arranging the detail, the West End Hose Company opened its fair and bazaar in Armory Hall last night under auspices that promise thorough success.

The hall is most tastefully decorated, while the attractively arranged booths and tables present an inspiring scene under the glare of the hundreds of incandescent lights. The decorations are especially attractive. There are booths of every description and one can get any thing imaginable from most of the booths. The supper tables are among the most popular booths.

Last night the members of the Hampton Fire Department attended the fair. There were about fifty members present and the laddies showed up to excellent advantage in their uniforms. The Hampton laddies patronized the supper table.

Quite a number of useful articles are being sold by tickets and the interest in these contests will unquestionably increase with each evening. The fair will continue every night this week.

Tonight the members of Kecoughtan Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias will attend in a body and take supper with the firemen.

Last night St. Tammany Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., voted a contribution of \$10 to the fair.

HONOR PUPILS.

Symes-Eaton Academy Makes Report For March.

The honor pupils for the month of March are given below:

First grade—Kena Ellis, George Hicks, Nina Katz, Howard Saunders, Melvin May, Carroll Massenburg, Charlotte Merril, Wesley Moger, Thelma Savage, Emily Semple, Russell Stuart.

Second grade—Dan Cumming, Linda Griffith, Willie Hough, Elsie Hope, Jessie Jones, Mable Jones, Martha Jones, Martin Kenney, Clara LaCrosse, George Martin, Elizabeth Massenburg, Margaret McKinney, Richard Motley, Bert Richardson, Ethel Todd, Ethel Wood, Lawrence Wood, Virginia Wooten.

Third grade, Sec. A.—Willie Hunt, Brooke Jones, Charles Winston.

Third grade, Sec. B.—Beatrice Barker, Ella Betts, Richard Blankenship, Whitley Diggs, Gladys Harley, Lois Phillips, Virginia Ransone, George Shields, Eva Turner, Grace Walker, George Willey.

Fourth grade, Sec. A.—Vincent Alexander, Elliott Blankenship, Wilson Batten, Nancy Betts, Etta Caine, Carrie Collier, Cary Collier, Ruby Diggs, John Gibboney, Marlon Headley, Rose Jones, Grace Norris, Preston Richardson, John Reid, Marion Sealey, Mildred Struckman, Ruth Sayre, Gordon Watson, Alberta Williams, George Wyatt.

Fourth grade, Sec. B.—Celle Epstein, Elizabeth Junken, Harry Kimberly, Alva Price, Ansee Price, Willie Turnbull.

Fifth grade—Bessie Hill, Dorothy Junken, Janet Peek, Mary Sims.

Sixth grade, Sec. A.—Vira Carr, Lillian Dyke, Rebecca Goldman, Lucile Motley.

Sixth grade, Sec. B.—Marjorie Pulley, Margaret Sims, Julia Turnbull.

Seventh grade—Ned Bloxson, Zena Crone, Marshall Sinclair, Margaret Sayre, Leathe Walker.

OLD ENGINEER IS DEAD.

Capt. James McCartney Passes Away in Soldiers' Home Hospital.

Capt. James E. McCartney, 73 years old, one of the oldest engineers on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, died in the hospital at the National Soldiers' Home yesterday. The body was turned over to Undertaker Frank C. Rees, who prepared it for burial, and shipped it to Richmond.

Capt. McCartney is survived by his son and daughter, who now live in Richmond. He was an engineer running out of Richmond for thirty years, but retired from active service seven years ago.

Phoebus Firemen to Meet.

The Phoebus firemen will meet in special session this evening to consider the arrangements for attending the fair of the Hampton Hose Company. It is expected that the Phoebus firemen will attend the fair Thursday night.

Save! Tonight.

Before and after going to the Firemen's Fair, stop at the Savoy and hear Mr. Lindsay Sing, "Sweet Genevieve" and see the comedy picture, "Rival Barbers," and "Treasure Island."

Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warning—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at All Druggists.

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